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Grand Forks Man Sentenced for Child Pornography Charge

MINOT - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on

April 5, 2010, **Christian J. Gonzales**, 22, of Grand Forks, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland on a charge of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

Judge Hovland sentenced Gonzales to serve one year and one day in federal prison, to be followed by five years of supervised release. Gonzales was ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund and must register as a sex offender.

On April 17, 2008, Gonzales was residing at Quentin Burdick Job Corps in Minot. Law enforcement officers discovered Gonzales possessed a laptop computer, which contained approximately 30 still images and one video which portrayed the sexual exploitation of minors.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement,

Minot Police Department and Ward County State's Attorney's Office.

The United States Attorney's Office prosecuted this case under the Project Safe Childhood Initiative.

Assistant United States Attorney Gary Delorme prosecuted the case.